the overdues of the Various State Electricity Boards are reduced;

(b) if so, what is the position of the overdues of the SEBs when the condition to reduce the overdues was laid down by the World Bank stating the extent of reduction in the overdues desired by the World Bank;

(c) what is the present position with regard to the overdues of the SEBs; and

(d) what is the assistance provided by Government to meet the conditionabilities of the World Bank by the NTPC to get the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) One of the conditions of the World Bank has been that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) maintain an overall accounts receivable level not exceeding two months of sales equivalent. Similar conditions exist in existing covenants between NTPC and the World Bank. In June, 1992 the NTPC's outstanding due excluding surcharge were 4.1 months of sales equivalent. The outstanding dues from the State Electricity Board as on 31.1.1993 has been reduced to 3.6 month's of sales equivalent excluding surcharge. However, taking into account the appropriation from the Plan assistance of the defaulting states done by the Central Government the total outstanding would be less than 2 months of sales equivalent.

Project earmarked for rural electrification Corporation

954. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the power project ear-marked for the rural Electrification corporation in different parts in the country during the next five years;

(b) whether State Government would be providing Finance in full or in part;

(c) whether some of the foreign firms have expressed their willingness to provide term loans for such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Corporation provides financial assistance to the States for electrification of villages, energisation to pumpsets, System Improvement Schemes and for rural electric co-operatives. The funds to be provided for each of the States under the various programmes are decided by the Planning Commission on year to year basis, after discussion with the concerned States. The REC provides funds to the extent of 100 percent for its schemes except for Special Project Agriculture (SPA) schemes which is being financed by REC. NABARD and Commercial Banks on equal basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Delay in disconnecting the electric meter by DESU

955. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking takes a very long time in disconnecting electric meter installed in Government quarters which delays the surrender of the quarter;

(b) whether there is any time limit prescribed for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether complaints have been received by DESU from superannuating Government servants regarding the delay in disconnection of electric meter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken to see that the meters are disconnected immediately in the cases?